THE BEGINNING AFTER THE END

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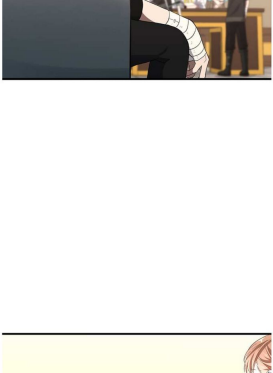


ISN'T THIS ENOUGH?
I KNOW HOW RARE OCCURRENCES LIKE THIS ARE,
BUT WE'VE ALREADY GIVEN OUR ACCOUNTS.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'LL LET YOU THREE GET SOME REST BEFORE THE HEARING.

BAM

SO
YOU MADE IT OUT ALIVE!

YOU! HOW CAN YOU--

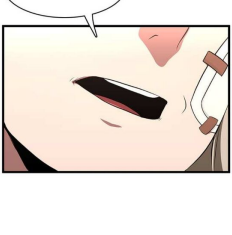
DON'T.

WHOAA~ WHAT'S ALL THIS TENSION BETWEEN TEAMMATES?

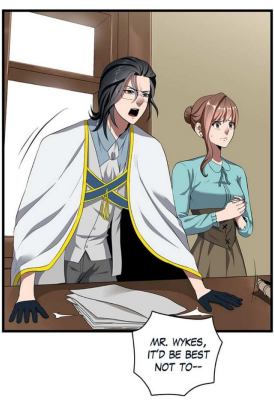
PEEK

POOF

I WONDER HOW YOU MANAGED TO ESCAPE FROM THAT TERROR OF A BEAST.


DID YOU HAVE TO...

SACRIFICE SOMEONE TO SAVE YOURSELF?

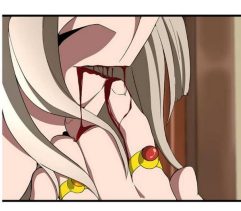

MR. WYKES, IT'D BE BEST NOT TO--

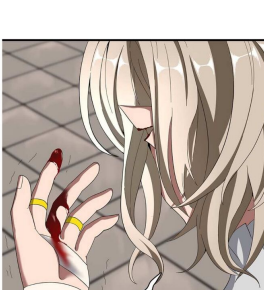
SAMMY IS A CRIPPLE NOW,
BUT SHE'S ALIVE SO I GUESS IT WASN'T HER.

CLICK
AH!

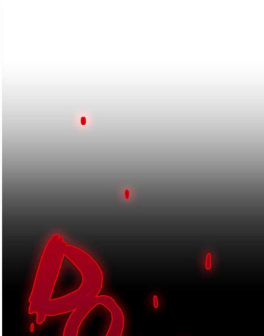
DON'T TELL ME YOU SACRIFICED BRAL--
FHOOOM

YOUNG MASTER...
YOUR... EAR...

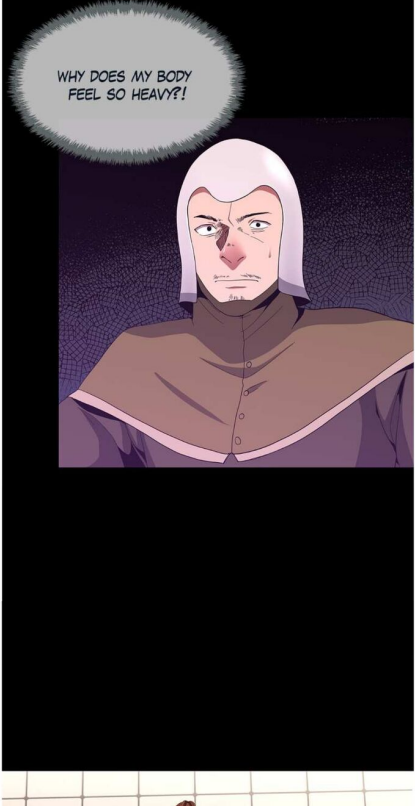


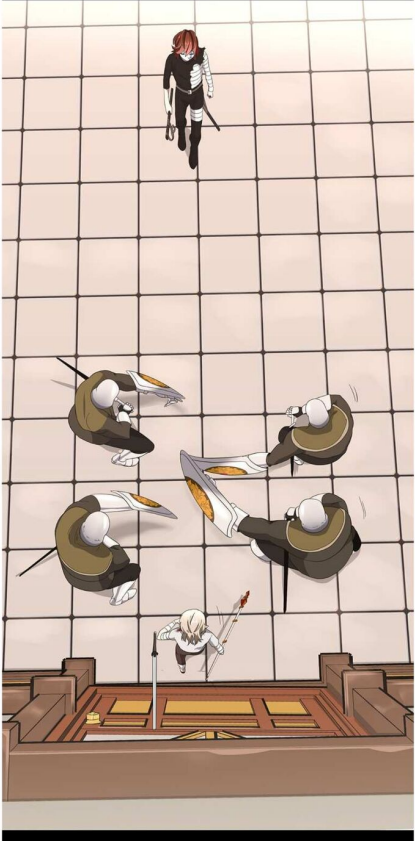

B-B-B...
BLOOD!
MY EAR!

STOP RIGHT THERE!


BOO

WHAT'S WITH THIS SUDDEN CHANGE OF AIR?


WHY DOES MY BODY FEEL SO HEAVY?!



W-WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M PAYING YOU ALL FOR?!

GET HIM!

FWOOSH

WHACK

FWOOSH

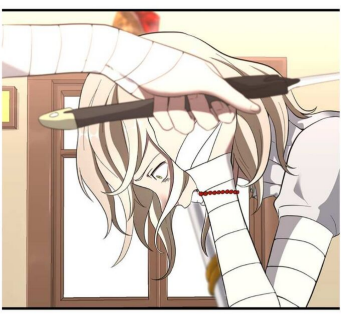
THUDD

YOU LITTLE--

FWOSH

MR. NOTE!
IF YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS BEFORE THE HEARING--

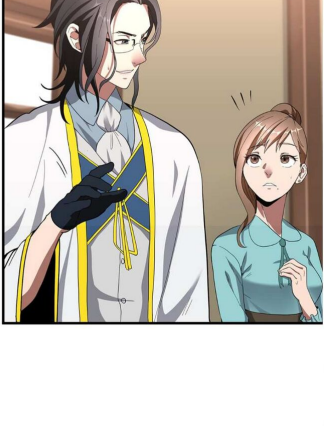
MY APOLOGIES.



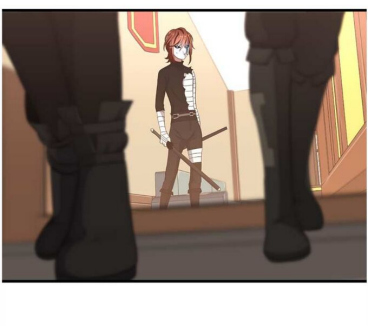
MY SWORD SLIPPED,

AND I WANTED IT BACK.

LYDIA, PLEASE ESCORT MR. WYKES TO THE MEDICAL WARD SO HE CAN GET PATCHED UP.



CAN YOU TWO WAIT OUTSIDE AS WELL?



WHILE I UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION, IT'S IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO REFRAIN FROM PROVOKING MR. WYKES LIKE YOU JUST DID.

AND WHY IS THAT?

I HAVE THE CAPACITY TO ERASE THAT BUG'S EXISTENCE
TAP

TAP

AND MY IDENTITY REMAINS PROTECTED FROM HIS FAMILY.
TAP

MR. BLADEHEART...
I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT YOU'RE THREATENING MY RIGHT NOW.

THE TWIN HORNS,

BOTH CURRENT...

AND FORMER...

UNTIL YOU HOLD ENOUGH POWER AND AUTHORITY TO NOT ONLY PROTECT YOURSELF,

BUT THE PEOPLE YOU CARE FOR...

I ADVISE YOU AGAINST ANY EXTREME MEASURES AGAINST LUCAS.

AND EVEN IF YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO BRING THE ENTIRE WYKES HOUSE DOWN TO THE GROUND,

IT'LL BE MEANINGLESS UNLESS YOU BECOME STRONG ENOUGH TO KILL LUCAS'S HALF BROTHER.

I GET IT.

NOW,

ONTO THE MAIN REASON WHY I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ALONE.

YOU'RE A SMART MAN WHO I'M SURE HAS FIGURED OUT THAT HELPING AN INDIVIDUAL SUCH AS MYSELF IS NOT ONLY IN THE INTEREST OF YOU,

BUT THE ADVENTURER'S GUILD, RIGHT?

THIS GUY...

IS HE ARROGANT OR JUST THAT CONFIDENT?

AS LONG AS IT'S WITHIN OUR POWER, I WOULD GLADLY OFFER ANY ASSISTANCE YOU MAY REQUIRE.

GOOD.

THEN HERE'S WHAT I NEED.

CLICK

YOU SCARED ME BACK THERE! I SERIOUSLY THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO KILL LUCAS!

NOW'S NOT THE RIGHT TIME.

...SO YOU ARE GOING TO KILL HIM?

TAP

I'M STARVING.

SYLVIE'S WAITING OUTSIDE, SO LET'S GRAB A BITE TO EAT BEFORE THE HEARING.

O-OKAY...